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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LIBERIA GLOBE AIR CORP.

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1. SUMMARY: LIBERIA GLOBE AIR CORP. HAS APPROACHED US CARRIER TIA FOR LEASE OF ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO DC-8'S FOR PROPOSED AIR FREIGHT SERVICE IN WEST AFRICA, EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA. BOTH UTA AND DOUGLAS CLAIM NOT TO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY LIBERIA GLOBE. TIA REP PARIS WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER LIBERIA HAS OR EXPECTS SOON OBTAIN TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR POINTS LIBERIA GLOBE PROPOSES TO SERVE. END SUMMARY.

2. DONDI, PARIS-BASED REP OF US SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIER TRANSINTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (TIA) HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY FOLLOWING APPROACH MADE TO TIA BY LIBERIA GLOBE AIR CORP. FOR DRY-LEASING OF DC-8/61. LIBERIA GLOBE APPROACH HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO TIA'S OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA HEADQUARTERS WHICH HAD ASKED DONDI TO FOLLOW UP. DONDI HAD THEREUPON MET IN PARIS WITH ELI HYKAL (PRESIDENT), ACCOMPANIED BY GABY AZAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR) AND CAPT. RUE KHOURI (TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTOR) OF LIBERIA GLOBE.

3. DONDI SAID LIBERIA GLOBE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DC-8 THIS MAY AND WERE PREPARED TO TAKE OPTION FOR LEASING OF A SECOND DC-8/61 FROM TIA IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. BOTH AIRCRAFT WOULD BE IN CARGO CONFIGURATION. HYKAL AND HIS ASSOCIATES OUTLINED TWO ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULES THEY PROPOSED FOR LIBERIA GLOBE AIR FREIGHT OPERATIONS. THEY SAID THESE SCHEDULES HAD BEEN DRAWN UP ON ASSUMPTION UTILIZATION BOEING 707'S, SO SOME ADJUSTMENTS MIGHT HAVE TO BE MADE IF DC-8'S WERE USED. FIRST SCHEDULE PROVIDED FOR SEVEN DAY WEEK UTILIZATION (OVERNIGHT MAINTENANCE) FOR SERVICE FROM MONROVIA TO FOLLOWING POINTS ON DIFFERENT ROUTES: IVORY COAST, NIGERIA, CHAD, LEBANON, SENEGAL, FRG, FRANCE, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA. ESTIMATED YEARLY PROGRAM OF 3,100 HOURS FLYING TIME. ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE, FOR YEARLY PROGRAM OF 2,750 HOURS AND ONE DAY A WEEK LAY-UP OF AIRCRAFT FOR MAINTENANCE, WOULD PROVIDE FOR SERVICE ONLY TO SENEGAL, FRG, LEBANON.

4. HYKAL SAID LIBERIA GLOBE PREPARED ARRANGE FINANCING OF LEASE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH US BANK OF TIA'S CHOICE AND WHEN DONDI SUGGESTED BANK OF AMERICA HYKAL REPLIED THIS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM.

5. REF B INDICATED UTA HAD AGREED COOPERATE WITH LIBERIA GLOBE AND LATTER HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MCDONNELL DOUGLAS FOR PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT. AT OUR SUGGESTION DONDI CONTACTED UTA AND REPORTED BACK THAT WHILE UTA'S AIR FREIGHT STAFF HAD HEARD OF LIBERIA GLOBE THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY REQUEST MADE TO UTA FOR

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COOPERATION OR ASSISTANCE. DUKE REHM, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MCDONNELL DOUGLAS SALES OF CARGO AIRCRAFT AND USED AIRCRAFT, TOLD US WHEN HE WAS PASSING THROUGH PARIS LAST WEEK THAT HE DID NOT RECALL ANY LIBERIA GLOBE APPROACH TO DOUGLAS OF WHICH HE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN INFORMED. WE MENTIONED LIBERIA GLOBE'S SHOW OF INTEREST IN DC-8'S (WITHOUT CITING TIA), AND REHM INDICATED HE MIGHT FOLLOW UP TO PROPOSE PURCHASE OF REFURBISHED DC-8'S.

6. WE PASSED ON TO DONDI WHAT WE KNEW OF LIBERIA GLOBE AND ITS PLANS BASED ON REF B. HE IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER LIBERIA ALREADY HAS OR EXPECTS TO OBTAIN LANDING RIGHTS IN ALL COUNTRIES LIBERIA GLOBE PLANS TO SERVE AS LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF AMEMBASSY MONROVIA COULD THEREFORE UPDATE INFO THIS REGARD CONTAINED PARA 1 REF B SO THAT WE MAY PASS IT ON TO DONDI.

7. ROUTE ON TUESDAY FLIGHT FOR FIRST PROPOSED SCHEDULE (PARA 2 ABOVE) WAS TO BE BEIRUT-FRANKFURT-PARIS-DAKAR-ROBERTS FIELD. WE CHECKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE TOLD THAT LIBERIA DOES NOT HAVE RIGHTS FOR BEIRUT AND FRANKFURT IN ROUTE AUTHORIZED TO FRANCE AND BEYOND UNDER ITS CIVAIR BILATERAL WITH FRANCE. ALSO UNDER THE BILATERAL RIGHTS COULD BE EXPLOITED ONLY BY LIBERIAN CARRIER IN WHICH LIBERIAN NATIONALS HAD PREPONDERANT INTEREST.  
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